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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LAKER AIRWAYS SKYTRAIN APPLICATION

1. IAN BROWN, PRINCIPAL, DTI, RESPONSIBLE FOR UK'S CIVAIR RELATIONS WITH NORTH AMERICA CALLED US TODAY TO REPORT THAT HE HAD JUST HEARD VIA LAKER AIRWAYS' US ATTORNEY THAT CAB HAD SCHEDULED PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ON SKYTRAIN APPLICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 11. BROWN EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INDIGNATION OVER WHAT HE REGARDS AS FURTHER DELAY IN CONSIDERATION LAKER APPLICATION. BROWN REVIEWED THE BY NOW LONG AND TROUBLED HISTORY OF UK EFFORTS TO GET CAB HEARING ON SKYTRAIN APPLICATION, STARTING WITH UK NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE LAKER AIRWAYS UNDER BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT ON DECEMBER 4, 1972 AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT HAD BEEN ASSUMED WHEN ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST LAKER ENDED WITH PAYMENT OF VERY LARGE FINE AND LOSS OF CERTAIN CHARTER RIGHTS, CAB WOULD SET DOWN SKYTRAIN APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING. HOWEVER, HE SAID, HE WOULD SCARCELY REGARD TWO-MONTH INTERVAL BETWEEN ENFORCEMENT SETTLEMENT AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AS EVIDENCE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH CASE EXPEDITIOUSLY PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE MAY BE FURTHER DELAY BETWEEN PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND ACTUAL HEARINGS.

2. BROWN SAID HE WAS SPEAKING "INFORMALLY" AT THIS STAGE
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BUT THAT PRESSURES FROM AIRLINE AND UK SENSE OF FRUSTRA-

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TION IN TRYING TO GET CAB TO EXAMINE SKYTRAIN PROPOSAL ON ITS SUBSTANTIVE MERITS WERE SUCH THAT UK MIGHT HAVE TO START LOOKING AT AREAS OF US AIRLINES VULNERABILITY BECAUSE UK DOES NOT BELIEVE US IS ACTING IN SPIRIT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN IMPOSING "INTERMINABLE" DELAYS IN DEALING WITH LAKER APPLICATION.

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